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CO-OPERATIVE INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED  
BY THE  
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We wish to remind you of the investigation described briefly in the March, 1920, number of the *Journal*. If you have time for research work or if you direct investigations by students, we hope you will consider some aspect of the subjects which many groups will be studying during the coming year. Dr. Lucile Eaves, the director of this first co-operative study authorized by the Society, will give assistance by correspondence, or in personal conference during the sessions of the annual meeting, to any members of the Society who wish suggestions which will enable them to prepare material suitable for publication in the final report. She will be glad to supply the questionnaires used by the full-time workers who are investigating the subject under her immediate supervision.

Professors of sociology in different colleges or universities will be the best judges of the abilities of their students and resources of their environments, but the following topics may prove suggestive when discussing with students the possibilities of co-operation in this nation-wide investigation:

1. Institutions giving care to aged women.
2. The policies of large employers of women in dealing with older workers.
3. Study of women who have left positions because of old-age incapacity.
4. Study of the older female employees to discover their plans for old-age support.
5. Retired school teachers. Are their pensions adequate? How are they being cared for?
6. Insurance carried by self-supporting women. Do they buy annuities?
7. Women depositors in savings banks.
8. Family relations of self-supporting women.
9. Do the wages of women permit a saving for old-age support?
10. Interesting plans by which self-supporting women have provided, or are planning to provide, for their old age.

The final report of this study which will be prepared in Boston under the direction of Miss Eaves will be a great pooling of experiences for the purpose of throwing light on this important subject. The studies made by individual contributors should be limited in scope but should cover completely and accurately the field chosen.

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